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**In the Claims, please amend the claims accordingly**

**Claims 1 – 5: Withdrawn**

**Claim 6 (newly amended):** A method of diagnosing a cell suspected of being a cancer cell, comprising the steps of isolating stabilized b-catenin from said suspect cell and a normal cell, and determining the amount of b-catenin present in both said suspect and normal cells, and diagnosing said suspect cell as a cancer cell if the suspect cell exhibits elevated levels of stabilized b-catenin compared to the normal cell.

**Claim 7 (newly amended):** A method as described in claim 6 wherein said cancer cell is colon cancer.

**Claim 8 (newly amended):** A method as described in claim 6 wherein said cancer cell is melanoma.

**Claims 9 – 11: Withdrawn**

**Please add the following new claims:**

**--Claim 12 (new):** A method of diagnosing if a suspect cell is a cancer cell, comprising the steps of isolating b-catenin mRNA from a normal cell and suspect cell, and analyzing said mRNA from said normal and suspect cells, and diagnosing said suspect cell as a cancer cell if it has an unusual mRNA processing profile compared to said mRNA from said normal cell.

**Claim 13 (new):** A method as described in claim 12, where in said unusual mRNA processing profile from said suspect cell comprises lacking exon 2.

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